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EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The prior art documents submitted by applicant in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 6, 2004, have all been considered and made of record (note the attached copy of form PTO-1449).

Response to Amendment

2. Applicants' amendment filed on March 7, 2005 has been fully considered and entered.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to disclose or reasonably suggest all the limitations recited in the amended base claims 2 and 3. Specifically, the prior art of record fails to disclose an optical communication module comprising an emission member for emitting a transmission light beam and a connection member for detachably connecting an optical fiber; wherein the emission member and the connection member are arranged such that the transmission light beam intersects with an optical axis of the optical fiber at a predetermined angle to enter an end face of the optical fiber when the optical fiber is connected and the transmission light beam collides with an inner wall of the accommodation part when the optical fiber is detached, and further wherein the accommodation part includes on its inner wall a light scattering member for scattering

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the transmission light beam which collides therewith, in combination with the other limitations of claims 2 and 3.

The Kazuyoshi et al. (JP 11-237535) and Mori et al references discussed in the previous office action disclose an optical module including an emission member for emitting a transmission light beam and a connection member for detachably connecting an optical fiber; wherein the connection member comprises a tubular accommodation part for receiving and fixing an end of the optical fiber to be connected. However, neither Kazuyoshi et al. nor Mori et al. disclose an inner wall of the tubular accommodation part having a light scattering member for scattering the transmission light beam.

The prior art documents submitted by applicant in the Information Disclosure Statement, filed on December 6, 2004, also fail to disclose or suggest an optical communication module with all the limitations as defined above.

Claims 2, 3, 6 and 9 are therefore allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

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- 4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer Doan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2346. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 6:00am to 3:30pm, second Friday off.
- 5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney Bovernick can be reached on (571) 272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.
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